

HOUSE No. 63

Accompanying the thirty-third recommendation of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (House, No. 30). Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS INJURED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 22C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 16 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 Section 16. Any officer of the department when temporarily disabled by reason of injuries
4 sustained while in the course of employment without serious and willful misconduct by such
5 officer is authorized leave without loss of pay and payment for the reasonable hospital, medical
6 and surgical expenses; provided, such payments may be made from the department's annual
7 appropriations. The colonel may establish rules or regulations to further effectuate this section.
8 In determining the right of any such officer of the department performing police service, or his
9 legal representatives, to receive compensation under any provision of law on account of injuries
10 or death suffered by such officer during the course of employment, such officer shall be deemed
11 to be so engaged while traveling on public ways from his home to his station of duty and from
12 such station to his home.